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## **Land Policy Initiative**

# Large-scale land based investments in Africa and the Nairobi Action Plan

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# Nairobi Action Plan

- LPI - Development Framework for the formulation, implementation and monitoring of land policy in Africa - Guidelines on Land Policy in Africa (F&G)
- *AU Declaration on Land Issues and Challenges in Africa* - use it in support of national and regional land policy processes
- LPI conducted preliminary work and helped to raise awareness on issues surrounding LSLBI through targeted policy dialogues
- Culminated in a High Level land policy Forum held in October, 2011 in Nairobi, Kenya - Nairobi Action Plan on LSLBI in Africa

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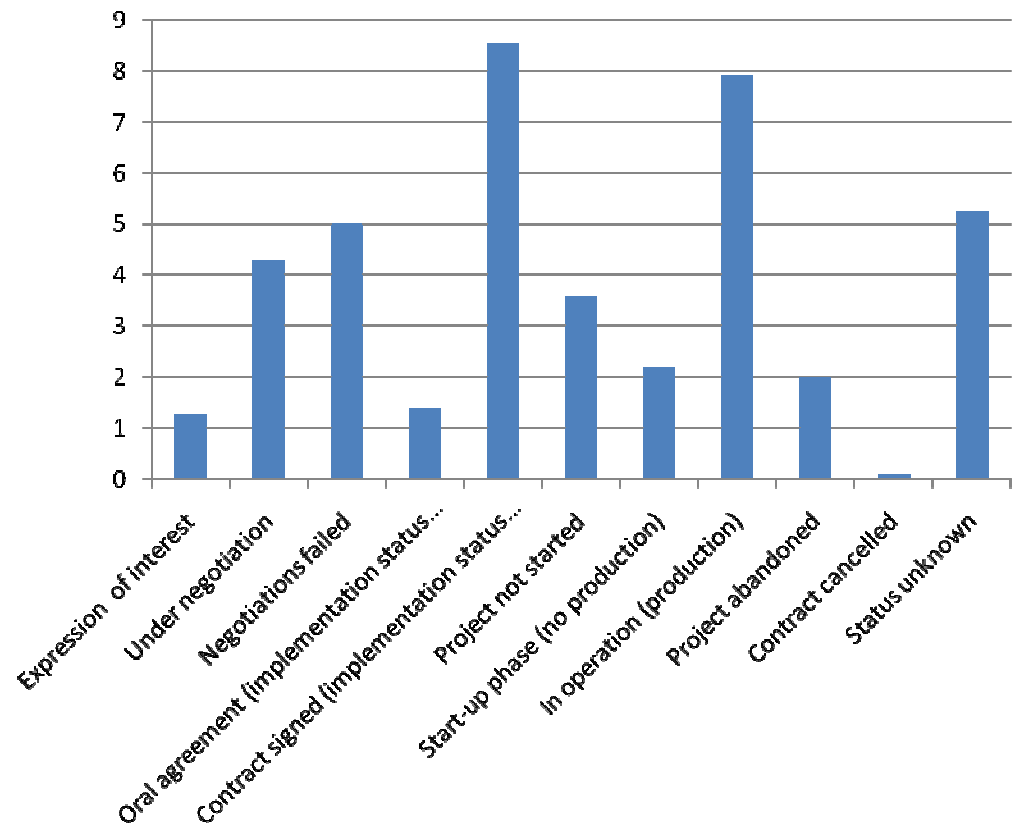
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# Assessment of LSLBI

- LSLBI – stock taking/desktop study
  - Secondary data
- Structure - 2 axis
  - Quantitative assessment (Land Matrix et al.)
  - Qualitative review – Open structure emphasizing regional specificities
- Implementation
  - 5 regional consultants
  - Synthesis report/principles/statement
  - Oct 2012-May 2013

# LSLBI in Africa

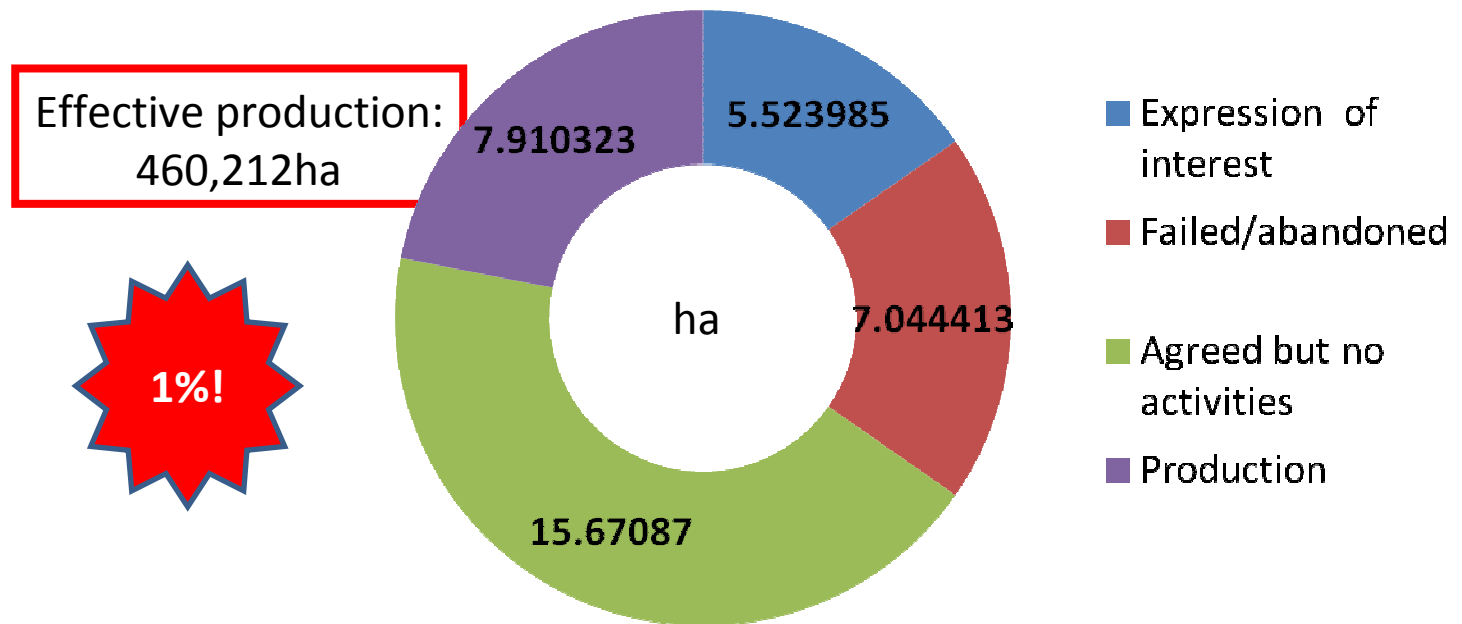
	Africa total area (mio ha)	
	# deals	
Expression of interest	20	1,26
Under negotiation	95	4,27
Negotiations failed	39	5,00
Oral agreement (implementation status unknown)	20	1,37
Contract signed (implementation status unknown)	111	8,54
Project not started	28	3,57
Start-up phase (no production)	53	2,19
In operation (production)	208	7,91
Project abandoned	25	1,98
Contract cancelled	5	0,07
Status unknown	113	5,26
Total	717	41,41



Source: Land Matrix, 2013

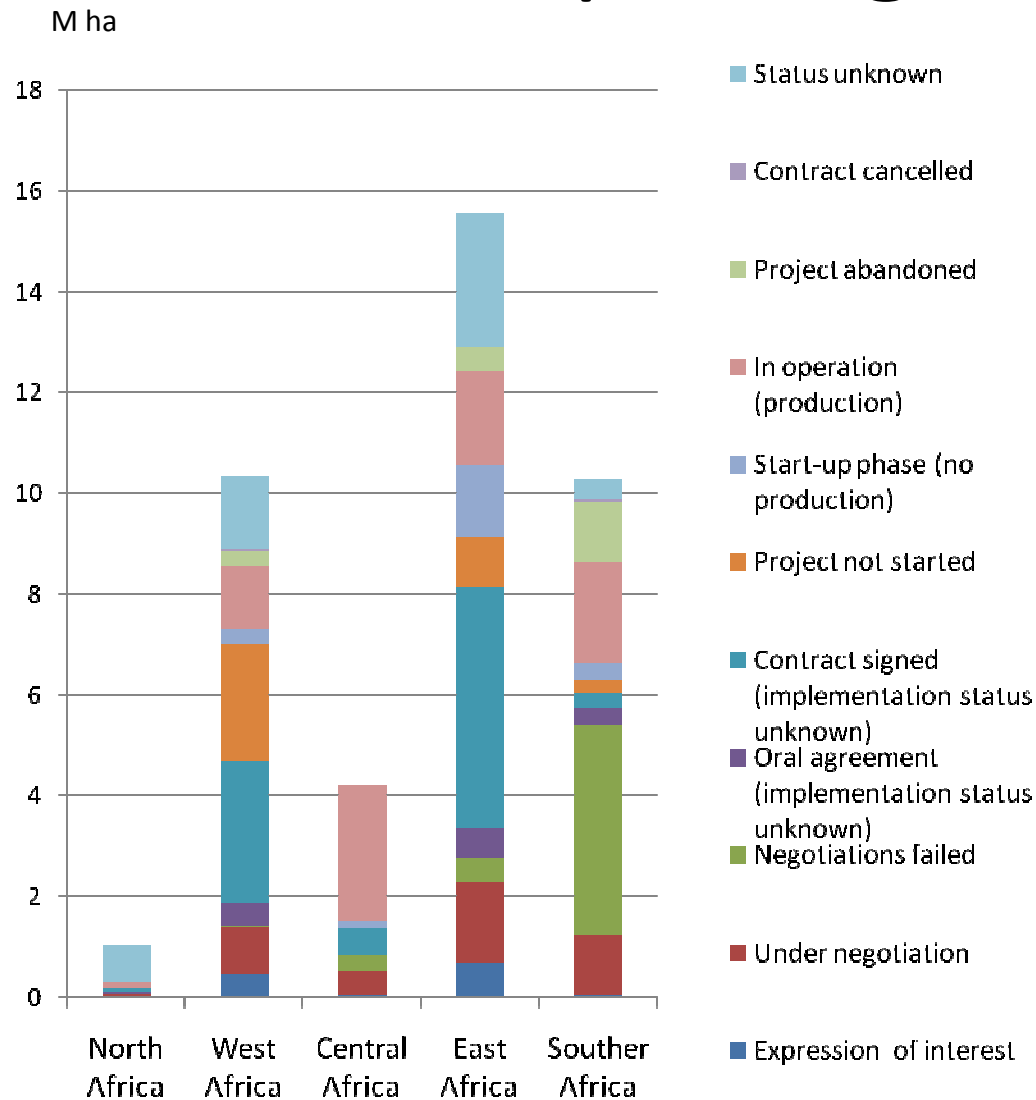
# LSLBI in Africa – Effective production

- 19% of deals are under production
- Very little effective production



Source: Land Matrix, 2013

# LSLBI per region in Africa

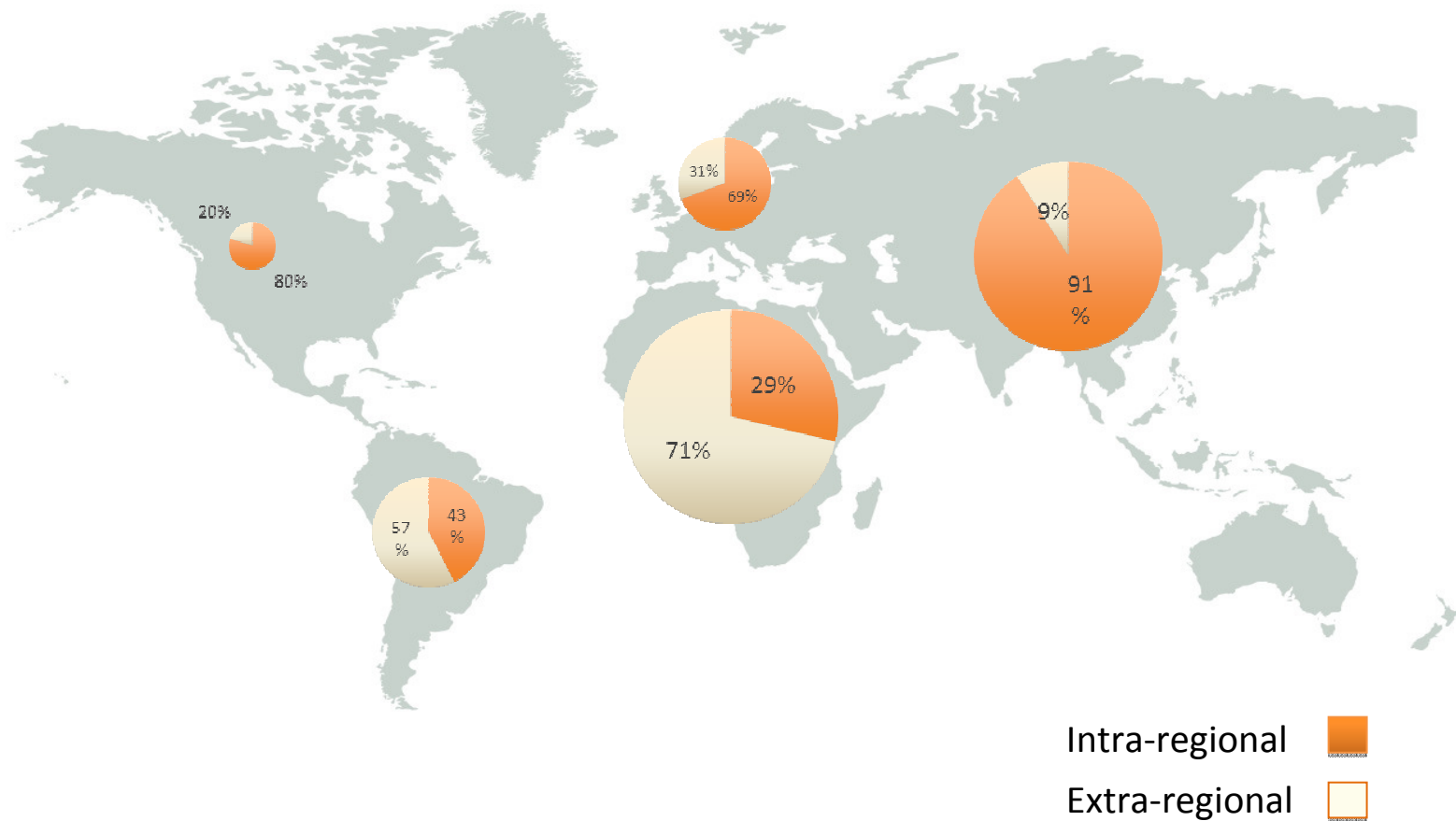


- Most focus on East Africa, but not most investments
- Many not-ongoing deals in Southern Africa
- High level of implementation in Central Africa

Source: Land Matrix, 2013



# Origin of investments



Source: Land Matrix, 2011

# Overview of elements

- Impacts
  - Often negative – selection bias/time bias
  - Longer term studies (changes in value-chains, local economies, ...)
  - LSLBI – different models/Different consequences
  - Clear - Large-scale investments which include land transfer are not resulting in broad based transformation, rather have negative impacts
  - Agrarian change?
- Little materialisation
  - Little effective productive investment
  - High failures – 76% in specific Provinces in Mozambique
- New investor strategies
  - Far-reaching integration – huge corporate entities
  - Emerging and developed countries
  - Non-land based investments (financial tools)

# Overview of elements

- Renewed initiatives
  - Renewed bilateral trade agreements
  - Inclusive business models/programmes
  - Transparency initiatives
- Path dependency
  - Continuation of previous policies (lack of SHF focus)
  - Very little questioning re agrarian reform/agricultural policies/labour
  - Acceptance of the LSLBI model

# Concluding thoughts...

- Value-addition of LPI-LSLBI initiative
  - Action-Research coordination
  - Feeding the policy debate
  - ➡ Reflection on how to take it further, to develop capacity support to governments, etc.
- Establishment of a monitoring and reporting mechanism
  - African portal of the Land Matrix (Contribute to data, monitoring engagements re land governance)

Thank you

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